

About Plays and Players

By BIDE DUDLEY

FRENCH DUEL of last week in which the titled participants fired four shots at each other, missed, had coffee and fought mildly with swords until one, pricked on the arm, retired crying, brings to our mind Lip Baker, a Western Kansas Sheriff, who visited here some years ago. Lip ran into a bunch of German students near a Post Office, and one of them had a dog which bothered the Kansan. The Germans laughed at this and Lip finally kicked the brute off the walk. A few days later two students called on him with a challenge to a duel. They told him, since he was the challenged one, he might select the weapons.

"All right," drawled Lip. "Shot-guns loaded with buckshot at twenty paces."

They were amazed and protested, calling him a murderer.

"Mebbe," said Lip, "but I'm going into this to tear your friend in two. You're going to bury him in two places."

A hurried consultation was held and the challenge withdrawn. Lip, seeing he "had 'em going," declined to permit this. Then the Germans offered an apology. Lip agreed to accept it on the condition that the student and his dog get away from the Post Office before 11 and 1 o'clock each day. They agreed and Lip went to the Post Office daily to see that the stipulation was carried out.

"They really," said Lip later, "ain't no use of a man's gittin' cocky about fightin' unless he wants to kill somebody or get killed."

SOTHERN AND MARLOWE.

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe will begin their American tour at the Boston Opera House next Monday in Shakespearean repertoire. They will appear in New York in one of the Shubert theatres late in the fall.

SOME GIRL THIS!

Eddie Dunn writes up to announce that George M. Cohan's production of "The O'Brien Girl" played to \$28,000 in Providence last week. Also that Robinson Newbold will be seen in a prominent role in the piece at the Liberty Theatre here Oct. 3. If we ever decide to quit the theatrical business we'd like to quit it with an "O'Brien Girl."

SHUBERT VODE SPREADS.

Eight more Shubert vaudeville theatres are opening this afternoon. They are the Winter Garden, New York; Woods' Apollo, Chicago; Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia; Shubert-Belasco, Washington; Sam S. Shubert, Pittsburgh; Detroit Opera House, Detroit; Rialto, Newark, and the Liberty, Dayton.

FATHER DUFFY HOST.

Father Francis P. Duffy will entertain seventy-five members of the Fordham College Unit of the old 69th Regiment at to-night's performance of "The White Knight" by the Irish Players.

SAM SPRINGS A JOKE.

"Say," said Sam Steinmacher, who is in the silk business, to us last night, "do you know why the silk salesmen are the most independent people on earth?"

"No," we replied. "Tell us, Sam."

"Because they don't take orders from anybody."

Oh! Oh! Such a business!

GOSSIP.

Well, well! Clair Hibbard has a new black-face act.

"Wait! We're Married" opens at the Playhouse to-night.

John Meenan has received two English offers for "The Man in the Mask."

Several crowns are to be caught to act as companions to Jocko, the Hippodrome crowd.

Fleming Ward is out of "Back Bay" because of illness. Frank Thomas is playing his role.

Francine Larrimore will begin her final week at the Klaw Theatre in "Nice People" to-night.

Charles Dillingham will launch "A Bill of Divorcement" in Philadelphia to-night. Allan Pollock is in it.

Max Marcia may take "The Nightcap" to Sing Sing soon for the Mutual Welfare Association.

"Main Street" will open at the National Theatre on Oct. 3 instead of Oct. 2, as previously announced.

Ethel Fisher has been engaged as understudy for Lorna Volare, the little girl in "The Blue Lagoon."

Arrangements are being made for a production of "Just Married" in Paris as a musical comedy.

Karl Norman and Ruth Budd of Keith vaudeville are to be married next June and visit Europe.

Ruby De Romer, film star, has sailed for Europe with Doug and Mary Fairbanks, who seem to have the steamship habit.

The Neighborhood Playhouse will open its season with "Madras House," a drama by Granville Barker.

Mrs. Earl Carroll is bringing five playlets from the Grand Guignol, Paris, for use at special matinees at her husband's new theatre.

The opening at the Globe of John Charles Thomas in "The Love Letter" will occur next week, the date to be selected.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Never marry a girl on \$15 a week unless she has a prospect of earning more soon.

FOOLISHMENT.

I knew a young girl named Babina. Who played on a shrill concertina. One day she eloped.

As the neighbors had hoped.

And married Jim Botts, chimney cleaner.

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE.

Why do planes have the noblest of characters?

"Tell us, Mr. Bones."

"Because they are grand, upright and square."

PROPOSALS IN RHYME.

We have decided to emulate Cupid. Any young person, who is too bashful to propose to his or her sweetheart, may do so through this column, provided the proposal is in original rhyme. And to each couple, who become engaged through this method, we will give a quart of quinine ice cream. Come on, ye bashful! Let's see how many of you we can marry off.

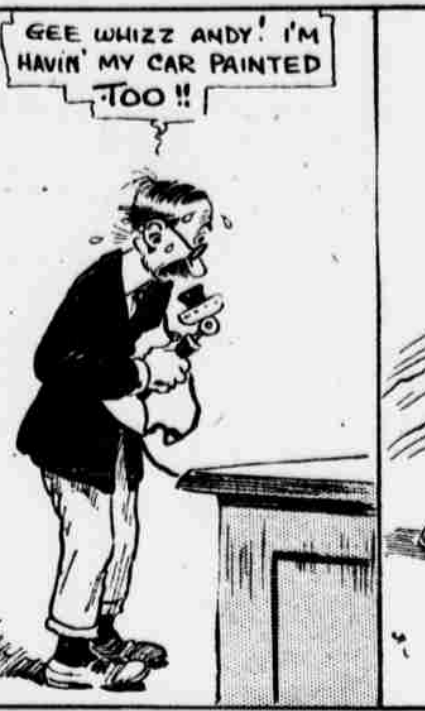
Jefferson Shrewsbury Nutt has decided Sammy Mitchell, of the Bronx, was the cutest old jolly-pop content. His rhyme, which brought home the bacon, follows:

When people come to call on us,
I'm "dear, sweet, little Sam,"
But when they've gone my father says
I'm sweet, like hellham.

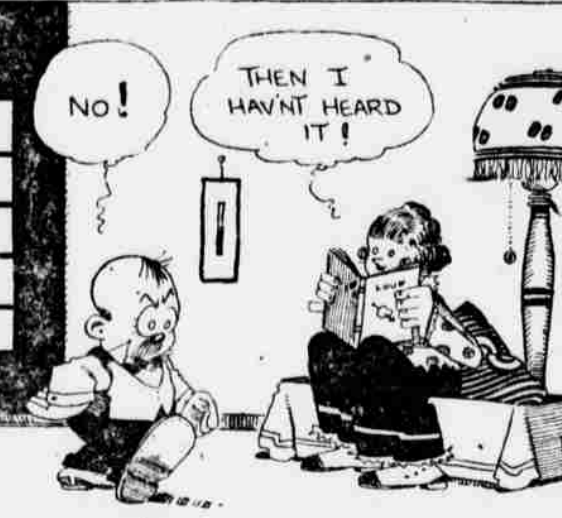
GETS LEVY'S STORY.

A. H. Woods has bought the dramatic rights of a story by Bert Levy, the Hippodrome cartoonist, entitled "For the Good of the Race." This story concerns the Jewish people.

JOE'S CAR



THE BIG LITTLE FAMILY



LITTLE MARY MIXUP



KATINKA



New Yorkers For A Day

Chicago Will Observe Semi-Centennial of Its Great Fire With a Great Pageant on the Lake Front—Danish Student, Going to Cornell, Will Introduce Fraternities and American College Customs in Denmark.

By Roger Batchelder.

"Chicago is to have a great reproduction of the Chicago fire. This will close the history of old Chicago, and the fifth part will show the new city at the time of the World's Fair. Some of the beauty spots of the great exposition will be reproduced on the stage."

NO "FRATS" IN DANISH COLLEGES.

"Danish students have no social life, and we have none of your delightful 'college towns,'" remarked Gunnar Laurson, who has come from Copenhagen to study at Cornell, and is now at the Pennsylvania. "There are no fraternities in our colleges, I am sorry to say," he went on. "I am very enthusiastic about the American system and hope to introduce it when I return home. It will be difficult, however, for our students are extremely conservative and averse to making new friendships."

Mr. Laurson said, Danish colleges had no dormitories and that the students return home after the year's classes.

"AS OTHERS SEE US."

The other outnumber the babies on Fifth Avenue," asserted a Murray Hill guest yesterday. "I know, because a friend of mine out home told me about it, and I walked up the Avenue yesterday and verified the fact myself. There were giant dogs, held in leash with difficulty by tiny

women, and tiny dogs dragged along by massive women. In fact, there were all kinds of dogs with all kinds of women—not a baby carriage in sight.

"I was beginning to think that there were no babies in New York when I went up to the Washington Heights section. There I could hardly turn around without bumping into a baby carriage, and at one corner I saw a traffic cop hold up the line of automobiles while six vehicles containing coming New York voters made their way across the street. So I guess that Washington Heights balances Fifth Avenue, and that New York has as many babies as any other city."

ARGENTINE OPERA FAILS THIS YEAR.

"The audiences of the Argentine have been very small," reported Adam Dolar, who has returned from Buenos Aires and is at the Astor. "It was a very disappointing season," he continued, "for the management lost 500,000 pesos in three months. The business depression was judged to be responsible for the lack of patronage."

"I am very happy to be in New York again. There is only one cloud to mar the happiness of my return, and that is the great sorrow which is shared by the whole world—the death of our beloved Carnoso."

LONG-DISTANCE TOWEL RETURNS.

The first authenticated return of one of the 17,000 bath towels annually taken home by "New Yorkers for a Day or Two" has been reported by the Majestic. The prize-winning towel came back after twenty months' absence, with Capt. W. B. Estes, one of the six Americans recently released from Russia. Capt. Estes packed it in his bag by mistake on his last visit, and since then has used it in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Russia. But it didn't really begin to see life until it reached Moscow, Capt. Estes said. There, in the Bolshevik prison, where it was the only article of its kind, it was used by Russian nobility, church dignitaries, military and political leaders, and by counter revolutionaries of all classes. The towel, according to the Majestic, will not be returned to service.

HUMAN RELICS FOUND IN FLORIDA.

Frank C. Heaton of Fort Myers, Fla., is at the Baltimore with a tale of the finding of human bones in a big shell mound near that city.

"A gang of negro laborers was at work," he relates, "tearing down the bank of an old shell mound, when the first of the skeletons was uncovered. With a chorus of wild yells the workmen threw down their tools and started for home. It was not until they were tempted by the thought of pirate treasure that they returned to work."

"The bones which were uncovered were apparently those of men of more than ordinary height; one of the skeletons indicated that they might have been seven feet tall. Peculiarities of the skulls showed that they were not those of Seminole Indians or negroes, though expert opinion is necessary to classify them. The Smithsonian Institution has been

asked to send archaeologists to Florida to investigate."

FURTHER FROM HOME.

"The New Yorker for a Day or Two" who is furthest from home to-day is H. E. Hennemann. His home town, Rio de Janeiro, is over 6,000 miles from Broadway.

Cheer Up! Things Might Be Worse

Time.

New York went back to work on standard time to-day. Very few made the grave mistake of getting on the job an hour too early because of failure to set their clocks back yesterday.

How Do They Do It?

Sixty-seven per cent. of the people of Massachusetts have bank accounts.

Watch Your Step.

Massachusetts to-day began the celebration of a "Don't-Get-Hurt Week."

Not a Snake-Bite.

Henry Graff of Sullivan County is suffering from the effects of having been bitten by a poisonous insect twenty-seven years ago. It

has been necessary to amputate a thumb and a little finger.

An Uplifter.

Beatie Coleman of Chicago, negro aviator, claiming to be the only woman except a Chinese representing the dark-skinned races in aviation, has arrived from Europe to teach her race to fly.

His Cops Might Aid Also.

President Obregon has issued an appeal to the press to help him stamp out gambling in Mexico.

Page Senator Lodge.

An international league of journalists has been formed at Geneva.

A Good Excuse.

When the Chief of Police of a Chicago suburb held up the same saloon a third time and took \$50 the proprietor said it was too monotonous and had him arrested. The Chief's explanation was that he needed the money.

Curfew for a Girl at 22.

Magistrate Brown in the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, says he favors a curfew law "at times" for New York City, and thinks a girl of twenty-two should be in bed at 11 and a man of twenty-six at midnight.

NewsCinders

DR. COPELAND APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS AS ARMIES OF FLEAS DESCEND ON CITY. GUESS ALL THE BUGS ARE NOT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE.

JUDGE DISCHARGES MAN FOR WHIPPING FRIEND WHO FORBIDLY KISSED HIS WIFE. ONE GOOD SMACK DESERVES ANOTHER.

HAIR TONIC POPULAR AS A DRINK SAYS "DRY CHIEF" IT OUGHT TO GO TO ONE'S HEAD.

PETITE RESTAURANT CASHIER SUES PERFUME MANUFACTURER FOR \$50,000 BREACH OF PROMISE. CASE OF DOLLARS AND SCENTS.

EX-CONVICT HAS SCHEME TO STOP ALL ROBBERIES. GIVE HIM A TRIAL.

TO LET NO CHILDREN ANIMALES ALLOWED.

MEANEST MAN ON EARTH STEALS WOMAN'S GLASSES AT EASTVIEW N.Y.

A SHORT SIGHTED THIEF.

DOG SEIZED BY CONSTABLE AS GUARANTEE FOR RENT. HOUNDING THE TENANT IN A NEW WAY.

ROBT. L. BEAN, BANK CASHIER OF CAMDEN, MAINE. ARRAIGNED AS DEFAULTER OF \$257,000.

SOME UAR OF "BEANS"